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SUBJECT: NATO CONSULTATIONS ON NON-PROLIFERATION

REF: USNATO 3114(NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE NOTED THE UPSURGE IN INTEREST AND ACTIVITY REGARDING NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND PARTICULARLY IN RECENT MONTHS, SUCH AS:

-THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE AT GENEVA;

-THE FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND REPORTED U.S. CONCERNS;

-THE CURRENT LONDON MEETING OF U.S., FRANCE, CANADA, UK, FRG, AND USSR REGARDING PROLIFERATION ISSUES, ON WHICH WE HAVE SEEN ONLY PRESS REPORTS:

-SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S PROPOSAL AT THE JUNE 16 NPG SESSION THAT IN THE FUTURE THE ALLIES GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO THE PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

2. WHILE WE ARE NOT FULLY INFORMED ABOUT CURRENT U.S. GOVERNMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS REGARDING NON-PROLIFERATION, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE WE WOULD AGREE THAT NATO OFFERS A USEFUL FORUM FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. TO OUR RECOLLECTION, APART FROM DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING, THE NATO ALLIES HAVE NOT ENGAGED

IN SUSTAINED-HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ON NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES
AT NATO SINCE THE NEGOTIATION OF THE NPT.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ADD QUESTION OF NUCLEAR
PROLIFERATION TO THE LIST OF ISSUES PROPOSED FOR ALLIED CONSUL-
TATIONS FOLLOWING THE NATO SUMMIT (REFTEL), PERHAPS IN A REINFORCED
NAC. ON TIMING, SUCH A CONSULTATION OF COUSE WOULD NEED TO BE
MESHED WITH OTHER U.S. EFFORTS IN THE NON-PROLIFERATION FIELD
BUT COULD BEST BE SCHEDULED AFTER THE AUGUST HOLIDAY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) WASHINGTON COMMENT ON ABOVE PROPOSAL; AND
(B) ANY RECENT TELEGRAPHIC GUIDANCE ON U.S. POLICY AND MAJOR
ACTIVITIES IN THE NON-PROLIFERATION FIELD NOT ALREADY PROVIDED TO
USNATO INCLUDING, IN PARTICULAR, ON THE CURRENT MEETING ON NON-
PROLIFERATION IN LONDON.
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